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HOUSE BILL NO. 37

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CORRECTIONS: Reduces the length of time DPS&C is required to retain certain records

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:36(D), relative to public records; to reduce the time required
3 for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to retain records regarding adult
4 offenders; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 44:36(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §36. Preservation of records

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9 D. All existing records or records hereafter accumulated by the Department
10 of Public Safety and Corrections, ~~Correction Services~~ corrections services, pertaining
11 to any adult offender shall be retained and may not be destroyed until after ~~ten~~ six
12 years from the date the full term sentence imposed upon such offender expires, or six
13 years from the date of death of the offender, whichever occurs first.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 37

Abstract: Reduces the length of time DPS&C has to retain records regarding adult offenders.

Present law provides that all DPS&C records pertaining to any adult offender shall be retained and may not be destroyed until 10 years from the date the full-term sentence imposed upon such offender expires.

Proposed law changes present law to require the records be kept for six years from the date the full term of the sentence imposed expires, or from the death of the offender, whichever occurs first.

(Amends R.S. 44:36(D))